

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

1. Page 5, please replace the following paragraphs, lines 12-20, with the following:

12 FIGURE 3B is a cross-sectional view along line 3A-3A of FIGURE 3A;

13 FIGURES 4A, 4B, 4C illustrate different configurations or embodiments of the
14 conductor in accordance with the present invention;

15 FIGURES 5A, 5B, 5C illustrate cross sectional views of different embodiments of
16 the conductor of the present invention;

17 FIGURE 6A is a graph illustrating the improvement in rise time (i.e. showing
18 propagation delays) of a signal on a conductor in accordance with the present invention; and

19 FIGURES 6B, 6C, 6D illustrate each of the configurations for the signal waveforms
20 shown in FIGURE 6A.